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Bishop Delany Assembly

#397

1521 Gorham Street, Lowell, MA 01852-5236

4th Degree, Knights of Columbus



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Next monthly meeting – March 27 at Wilmington council

March 2024
newsletter

Faithful Navigator Report – Adam Whitehouse

March 2024 – Dear Faithful Sir Knights
March is when the season of spring starts and many new beginnings come to new life. It is always a nice time of the year.

At the end of March, the Catholic Church celebrates one of the greatest holidays of the church. It is Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday Jesus rose from the grave. There is an awesome song we sing during Easter and it is “Roll away the stone, see the glory of God”. May we sing forever throughout the Easter Season singing Alleluia Jesus Christ is risen today.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and Happy Easter filled with peace, love and happiness.



(L to R) Sir Knights John Salyards, Adam Whitehouse, James Barrows, Brian Conroy, Tom Stupakewicz, and Paul Rousseau made up the honor guard at St, Patrick in Lowell. See story on page 3.

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Lowell Council 72

Concord Council 287

Father Harold M. Wren Council 3963, Billerica

Arthur U. Joyal Council 4225, Dracut

Father Francis Coppens Council 4336, Tewksbury

Father Edmund W. Croke Council 4982, Wilmington

Bishop Ruocco Council 9275, Chelmsford-Littleton-Westford

St. Robert Bellarmine Council 10877, Andover

St. Irene Council 13848, Carlisle



From Faithful Admiral John Salyards, PFN: Sick and Vigil

Please remember the following Priests, Sir Knights, and family members in your prayers:

SK Luigi Iacovellio, SK Bob Laviolette, SK Romeo Levesque,

“Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones.

And for all your love's sake. Amen.”

Prayer of St Augustine

Please contact me at bug_and_buzz@verizon.net or (978) 251-2821 should you need to add a Sir Knight or their family member to our prayer list.

Color Corps report

FN Adam Whitehouse, PFNs John Salyards and Tom Stupakewicz, and SKs James Barrows, Brian Conroy, and Paul Rousseau marched in the opening Mass at St. Patrick’s in Lowell on Sunday, March 10.

BISHOP DELANY ASSEMBLY OFFICERS 2023-2024

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Honor Guard for opening Mass, Irish Cultural Week

From FN Adam Whitehouse

Sunday March 10 was the opening Mass for the Irish cultural week at Saint Patrick's Church in Lowell. There were six honor guards from the Bishop Delaney Assembly Knights of Columbus. The Mass was well attended with faithful parishioners. The 10 AM Mass began with a singing concert of Irish music. The Mass and the music were absolutely beautiful.

After the mass, the honor guard joined the parade to City Hall for the singing of the Irish national anthem and American national anthem.

At City Hall, the Irish flag was raised and the city manager and other city official people spoke and thanked everyone for participating and putting on this event.

Then we came back to Saint Patrick's Church for a delicious meal of eggs, bacon, sausage, beans and coffee and juice. While we were downstairs, we listened to Irish music and watched Irish step dancers. The Lowell Irish committee held a raffle with a lot of great baskets.

The day was a wonderful day and it stopped raining after Mass. Saint Patrick, Pray for us!



Honor Guard assemblies for procession



Honor Guard for opening Mass, Irish Cultural Week



Honor Guard marching out of St. Patrick's Church in Lowell

Buck Up Pool

Our monthly meeting pool is called "Buck Up" in which you sign in and pay One Dollar. You must be present to win, and you must have signed in. Of course, you must "Buck Up" also. Five names will be drawn at each meeting as possible winners. The winners will be published in the newsletter, and if the pool gets to \$100, the draw will continue until a winner is named.

You must be present to win.

February assembly meeting –

SK Names drawn:

Charlie Hirt, not present

Jim Davilla, not present

Jude Ukawuchi, not present

Harry See, not present

Paul Rousseau, present and winner of \$17

Birthdays in March

Fr. Walter Carreiro

Fr. Phillip Earley

Fr. George Fitzsimmons

Jeffrey Linehan

Robert Laviolette

Barry Mulholland

Paul Caron

James Murphy

Frank Shea

Donald Andresen

Sean Lowney

Manuel Avila

John Mckenna

Joseph Fagan



<p><i>Monthly meeting, 6:00 PM</i></p> <p><i>March 27, 2024</i></p> <p>Driving directions</p>	<p>Wilmington council meets in the K of C hall behind St. Thomas of Villanova church</p> <p>St. Thomas Church is located at 126 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887.</p> <p>Once you get to the Church, go through the parking lot to the left of the Church and go to the rear of the parking lot.</p> <p>There you will see a road that leads to the Wilmington KofC Hall.</p> <p>Enter the front doors of the hall.</p>
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Schedule of Monthly Assembly 397 meetings

Monthly meetings (fourth Wednesday of each month) scheduled for:

Month	Date	Location
April 2024	April 24	Andover council
May 2024	May 22	Chelmsford council Election of officers
June 2024	June 26	Concord council Changing of the Guard
July 2024	July 24 – assembly picnic	Wilmington council Cookout
August 2024	no meeting this month	

Newsletter deadlines/ Change in email address/ Check Spam folder weekly

Articles that are intended to be included in the April issue of this newsletter must be e-mailed to Bill Pacino at assembly397_knights@yahoo.com by April 20. The newsletter will be published before the April meeting of the month.

NOTE: Check your Spam folder every week to make sure your email provider is not electronically judging the messages and monthly newsletter from your local assembly as Spam mail. You will be surprised how many legitimate email messages end up in the Spam folder.

March 2024 newsletter emailed to Assembly 397 mailing list on Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Next Fourth Degree Exemplification, Sunday, June 9, 2024, in Milford, MA

Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

Bishop James A. Healy Province

From Stanley Ciukaj, Master of the District of Massachusetts

Worthy State Officers, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers and Brother Sir Knights: Our Honoree is State Deputy Thomas Butler.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for, Sunday, June 9, 2024, at Doubletree Hotel in Milford, 11 Beaver Street, MA. A package of Order Forms is included with this letter as an attachment. They must be used to process applications for Exemplification Candidates. Form 4 application must be included when submitting the completed forms. Please do not separate copies. Make copies for yourselves before mailing them to me. Please assure all required signatures have been obtained together with member number. Form 4 Applications will be signed and dated by the Master and mailed to Supreme office.

The Initiation Fee for each Candidate is \$80.00 which includes a Certificate, Fourth Degree Social Baldric, Lapel Pin and Banquet ticket. There is no financial obligation for a Priest, only for the dinner ticket. Once the entire packet is submitted by the Assembly Comptroller to the Master of the Fourth Degree Massachusetts a package per Assembly will be furnished the morning of the Exemplification to the Assembly Comptroller. Package will include a Certificate, Fourth Degree Social Baldric and Lapel Pin and Dinner Ticket.

All forms, applications and check are due by May 25, 2024. Make an assembly check payable to: Master Fourth Degree, Massachusetts. All documentation must be submitted to Stanley Ciukaj, Master, 42 Lois Street, Ware, MA 01082 by mail.

Please note each assembly should send ONLY one check. All candidate fees should be made payable to the assembly and the assembly should cut one check. Please do not hesitate to contact Stan with any questions. He can be reached at 413-967-4223 or 413-531-8602.

In advance, thank you for your cooperation and attention to detail. The efficiency of the comptroller will benefit the Exemplification, the Candidates, and their guests.

Agenda for Exemplification, Sunday, June 9, 2024

12:15-1:00 PM Candidate Registrations

12:30 Ladies Luncheon

1:30 PM Exemplification.

3:30 -4:30 pm, Cocktail Hour, Banquet 5:00 to 7:00pm

Attire for candidates is: Dark suit; dark tie; white collar shirt without button on collar; black plain shoes, black socks. Active- duty military, police and firefighter can wear their respective class A dress uniform. Current members can still wear the tuxedo.

Honor Guards are asked to attend and arrive 12:30pm to the Exemplification.

Stanley Ciukaj FDD, KCHS District Master of Massachusetts